

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, July 26, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1252. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to make unlawful the tampering with computers of schools and institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Torricelli *Page S 8280*

S. 1253. *A bill to protect ability of law enforcement to effectively investigate and prosecute illegal gun sales and protect the privacy of the American people; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*
Schumer *Page S 8280*

Measures Reported:

S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes.
S. 1099, *to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants.*
Pages S 8279, D 780

Measure Passed:

House and Senate Adjournment Waiver: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 61, to waive the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 which require the adjournment of the House and Senate by July 31st.
Pages S 8300, D 780

H.R. 2299. Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:
Pages S 8259-73, D 780

Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute.
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Gramm Amendment No. 1168 (to Amendment No. 1030), to prevent violations of United States commitments under the North American Free Trade Agreement.
Pages S 8260-3, D 780

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, *Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 1025 (listed above).*
Pages S 8259, D 780

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, July 27, 2001.
Pages S 8273, D 780

Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bill: An original bill, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

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Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of *Lynn C. Leibovitz*, to be an *Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia*, after the nominee, who was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: **S. 625**, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes; **S. 1099**, *to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants*; and the nominations of *Asa Hutchinson*, of Arkansas, to be *Administrator of Drug Enforcement*, and *James W. Ziglar*, of Mississippi, to be *Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization*, both of the Department of Justice.

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Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal government's Medicare anti-fraud efforts, focusing on distinguishing human error from fraud, the coordination among government agencies fighting Medicare fraud, provider compliance and education issues, *and the Medicare appeals process*.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2657. A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, *to redesignate the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the Family Court of the Superior Court, to recruit and retain trained and experienced judges to serve in the Family Court*, to promote consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges to the Family Court and in the consideration of actions and proceedings in the Family Court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

DeLay

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H.R. 2658. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude employer contributions to health care expenditure accounts from gross income, *and to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the applicability of such title to plans employing such accounts*; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

DeMint

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2661. A bill to provide certain requirements for labeling textile fiber products and for duty-free and

quota-free treatment of products of, *and to implement minimum wage and immigration requirements in, the Northern Mariana Islands*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Miller

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H.R. 2662. A bill to *lift the trade embargo on Cuba*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Government Reform, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Paul

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 988, *to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse" (House Report 107-166);*

H. Res. 193, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority (House Report 107-167);

H.R. 2647, *making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (House Report 107-169).*

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported a measure making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2002.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2522, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Deanell R. Tacha, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2621, Consumer Product Protection Act of 2001.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Misleading Mailings Targeted to Seniors.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counternarcotics Issues.

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Remarks:

HMO Reform.

Ganske

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Lift The United States Embargo On Cuba. (**H.R. 2662**)

Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 10:00 a.m., July 27, 2001.

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OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich